Pastor A's Power Mapping

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1. CHOOSE IT / PICK IT - Power of Choice

Choose one verse from the assigned lesson. Write the entire verse, its reference, and the translation. Explain why you chose it.

COMPLETED EXAMPLE | James 1:5 (NKJV)
If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

Why I chose it: I am facing a difficult decision, and this verse reminds me to ask God for wisdom before I respond.

Before you begin: Pray for understanding. Gather your Bible, pens, and highlighters. The same verse, James 1:5, is used in every completed example so you can follow the whole process.

YOUR TURN | My chosen verse, reference, and translation:

Why I chose this verse:

Tip: Copy the verse accurately first. A paraphrase comes in the next step.

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2. SEE IT - Power of Vision

Read the same verse in two to four translations. Highlight words that stand out. Compare the wording, then write your own paraphrase.

COMPLETED EXAMPLE | James 1:5 in three translations

NKJV
If any of you lacks **wisdom**, let him **ask of God**, who gives to all **liberally** and **without reproach**, and it will be given to him.

NIV
If any of you lacks **wisdom**, you should **ask God**, who gives **generously** to all **without finding fault**, and it will be given to you.

NLT
If you need **wisdom**, ask our **generous God**, and he will give it to you. He will **not rebuke you** for asking.

My comparison: NKJV “liberally” = NIV “generously” = NLT “generous God.” NKJV “without reproach” = NIV “without finding fault” = NLT “will not rebuke you for asking.” God is generous, and I can ask without fear of being scolded for asking.

My paraphrase: When I need wisdom, I can ask God. He gives generously and does not shame me for seeking His help. **This is a paraphrase, not a Bible quotation.**

YOUR TURN | Translations I compared and words I highlighted:

My paraphrase:

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3. DIG IT - Power of Depth

Choose one to three key words. Record their meanings in this passage, your sources, and a related scripture.

COMPLETED EXAMPLE | My word study
Wisdom: In this passage, understanding that helps me live faithfully and make God-honoring choices during trials.
Liberally: Generously; freely. The NIV helps explain this NKJV wording.
Reproach: Blame or rebuke. Here, God does not scold me for asking for wisdom.
Cross-reference: Proverbs 2:6 points to the Lord as wisdom's source, supporting James 1:5.
Sources: James 1:5 (NKJV, NIV, NLT), Proverbs 2:6, and Blue Letter Bible G4678.

YOUR TURN | My word(s), meanings, source(s), and related scripture:

BONUS - Power of the Original Languages

Optional: In Blue Letter Bible, search your verse. Open Tools / Interlinear, then choose the word's Strong's number. Read the definition and return to your passage.

COMPLETED EXAMPLE | Wisdom
Language: Greek. **Transliteration:** sophia. **Strong's number:** G4678.
Lexicon: Wisdom or understanding, including wisdom for godly living.
In this passage: Since James discusses trials and endurance, I understand this as wisdom for responding faithfully under pressure.
Source: Blue Letter Bible, G4678. I reread James 1:2-8 to check the context.

YOUR TURN | Original word, Strong's number, and what I learned:

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4. FRAME IT - Power of Context

Read before and after the verse. Ask who, to whom, what, when, where, and why. Summarize the context in one or two sentences.

COMPLETED EXAMPLE | Context of James 1:5
Who? James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ (1:1). **To whom?** The twelve tribes scattered abroad (1:1). **What?** Trials, endurance, and asking for wisdom (1:2-8). **When/where?** The verse does not state the date or writing location.
My summary: James writes to the twelve tribes scattered abroad and teaches that testing can develop endurance. Within that teaching, James 1:5 invites those who lack wisdom to ask the generous God for help.

YOUR TURN | My context summary:

5. LIVE IT - Power of Application

Write what you learn about God, one specific action you will take this week, and a short prayer.

COMPLETED EXAMPLE | My response
About God: God is generous and welcomes my request for wisdom.
Action: Before a difficult conversation at work on Wednesday, I will pray for wisdom, reread James 1:5, and write one response that reflects patience and honesty.
Prayer: Lord, I need Your wisdom. Help me listen carefully, speak with grace, and follow Your Word. Amen.

YOUR TURN | What I learned, my action step, and my prayer:

Study tools: education.soulharvestmin.org/power-mapping.html
biblegateway.com - translations | blueletterbible.org - word study

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